



STARTS HERE . . . The fall school term started here last Monday as the teachers of the Torrance district gathered in the Torrance High School auditorium for a welcome and

briefing. Speaking to the teachers here is Dr. J. H. Hall, superintendent of schools. There were 33 more teachers at the meeting this year than at a similar meeting last year—an indication of the rapid growth of Torrance schools.

Schools Open Doors for New Term

Opening of Torrance schools Friday went off without a hitch, most principals and school administrators agreed after the day was over.

No one would hazard a guess as to the total enrollment which could be expected when registration settles down.

Principal John Steinbaugh of the Torrance High School said Friday that he still held to an earlier prediction that the high school enrollment would reach 1300.

Donald L. Robinson, principal of the North Torrance Elementary School, said it would be several days before he would know how many children were attending that school. He now has five kindergarten and five first grade classes.

Most of the other principals had the same story yesterday.

Builders Watched
Lester Foster, principal of the Perry Elementary School, is keeping an eye on a huge housing project adjacent to the school grounds.

"They'll start moving in there in a couple of weeks," he said. Already some of the children who will be moving in have enrolled in Perry rather than

transfer from another school in a couple of weeks.

Most serious hitch in the opening day program appeared to be the matter of roads into the new Hollywood Riviera Elementary School. Crews picked the first day of school to surface the new road which fronts the school property.

Confusion Gone

Success of the Friday return to school cannot be measured accurately yet, officials say. The test will come tomorrow when students report to classes. The amount of confusion still existing will indicate the success of the program. Predictions that a major part of the first-day-of-school confusion will be eliminated over the week-end were freely voiced by administrators.

So there it is. One more summer vacation has ended and the daily routine of children traveling Torrance streets to and from school is started once again.

The fact that no children were injured on the streets during the first day is a credit to Torrance drivers who are heeding the posted school zone speed.



ARRANGING PROGRAMS . . . High school students line up for program counseling before Miss Joanna Carver, girls advisor at the high school who dressed a piano in the

auditorium into service for the opening day rush. More than 50 additional students had registered with the counselor by noon Friday.



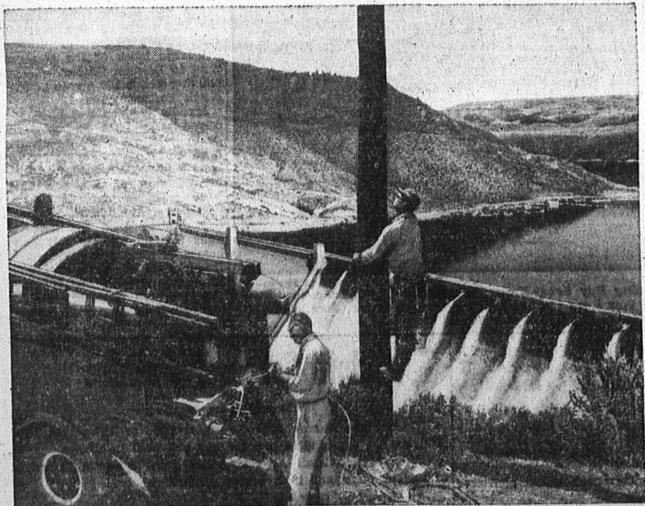
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Ronald Edward Scott, 8, started off to the Perry School Friday morning, and before the day was over, had three car loads of Torrance police officers on his trail. A frantic call from his father, Walter Scott, was received by Torrance police about dinner hour telling that Ronny hadn't come home as yet.

His parents, who soon are moving to a new tract on Prairie Ave., now live on 141st St., and feared Ronny was lost.

But they found him, walking down Hawthorne Ave., carrying a fishing pole. "Yah, been fishing," he told his dad. "Yah, get inside, son," his unhappy father ordered.



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Rites Set for Mrs. J. Bates

Mrs. Jennie M. Bates, former resident of Torrance, died last week at the Ventura Lodge Sanitarium in Studio City; services are planned at the Stone and Myers Chapel, Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Bates, who was 94, came to Torrance in 1920 and resided at 1828 Arlington Ave. for 30 years. Her husband was the former Hiram Bates, who died in 1939.

Survivors include a son, and two granddaughters, Mrs. Martha Coburn, of Torrance, and Mrs. Marian Ledbetter, of Oregon.

Interment at Roosevelt Park Cemetery will follow services here.

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HERE WE GO . . . Alan Porter, sixth grader at the Perry Elementary School, appears rather disgruntled about giving up the outdoor life of summer to return to the classrooms. Alan admitted that he would really like to be out fishing or throwing rocks at tin cans.

CONSTRUCTION WORK . . . Starting off their school careers with a weighty construction problem are Rosemary Farris and Denny Hoffmaster, kindergarten students at the North Torrance Elementary School. The North Torrance school has five kindergarten classes and five first grade classes.

Unpublished Songs of Local Writers on Air

"Esther Presents," a half-hour radio show over station KFOX, will be aired Monday evening from 7 to 7:30 from the Bette Thomas studios at Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw.

Presented by Mrs. Esther Lambrigger, the show will feature the unpublished songs of songwriters from all parts of the Southland. Most of the numbers will be the works of men and women in this area, Mrs. Lambrigger said.

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